



The **Slate Landscape** of **Northwest Wales World Heritage Site**

 **Day Three**

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The Slate Landscape of North West Wales, Gwynedd was designated World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2021. It is a serial property in six parts: Ogwen Valley; Dinorwig Quarry; Nantlle Valley; Gorseddau and Prince of Wales; Ffestiniog & Porthmadog and Abergynolwyn & Tywyn, with each encompassing relict quarries and mines, archaeological sites related to slate industrial processing, historical settlements, both living and relict, historic gardens and grand country houses, ports, harbours and quays, and railway and road systems illustrating the functional and social linkages of the relict slate industrial landscape. It includes spectacular quarry landscapes such as Penrhyn, Dinorwig, the Nantlle Valley and Ffestiniog. It also includes the National Slate Museum in Llanberis, Penrhyn Castle and the famous Ffestiniog and Talylyn Railways, built to transport the slate from quarry to markets around the world and both later transformed through the dedication of volunteers into heritage railways.

The landscape tells the incredible story of the evolution of an upland agricultural society to one dominated by the slate industry; with towns, quarries and transport links carving their way through the Snowdonia mountains down towards the iconic ports.

To learn more about the slate landscape you can follow our 3-day itinerary to delve into the depths of history or pick and choose individual days to experience a unique and exciting adventure.

19 Portmeirion - Nestled between the Dwyryd estuary and the majestic Eryri mountains, Portmeirion Village is a private village resort and gardens, set on its own peninsula with vistas in every direction and endless pathways to explore, you'll be transported into a dreamlike world, full of surprises.

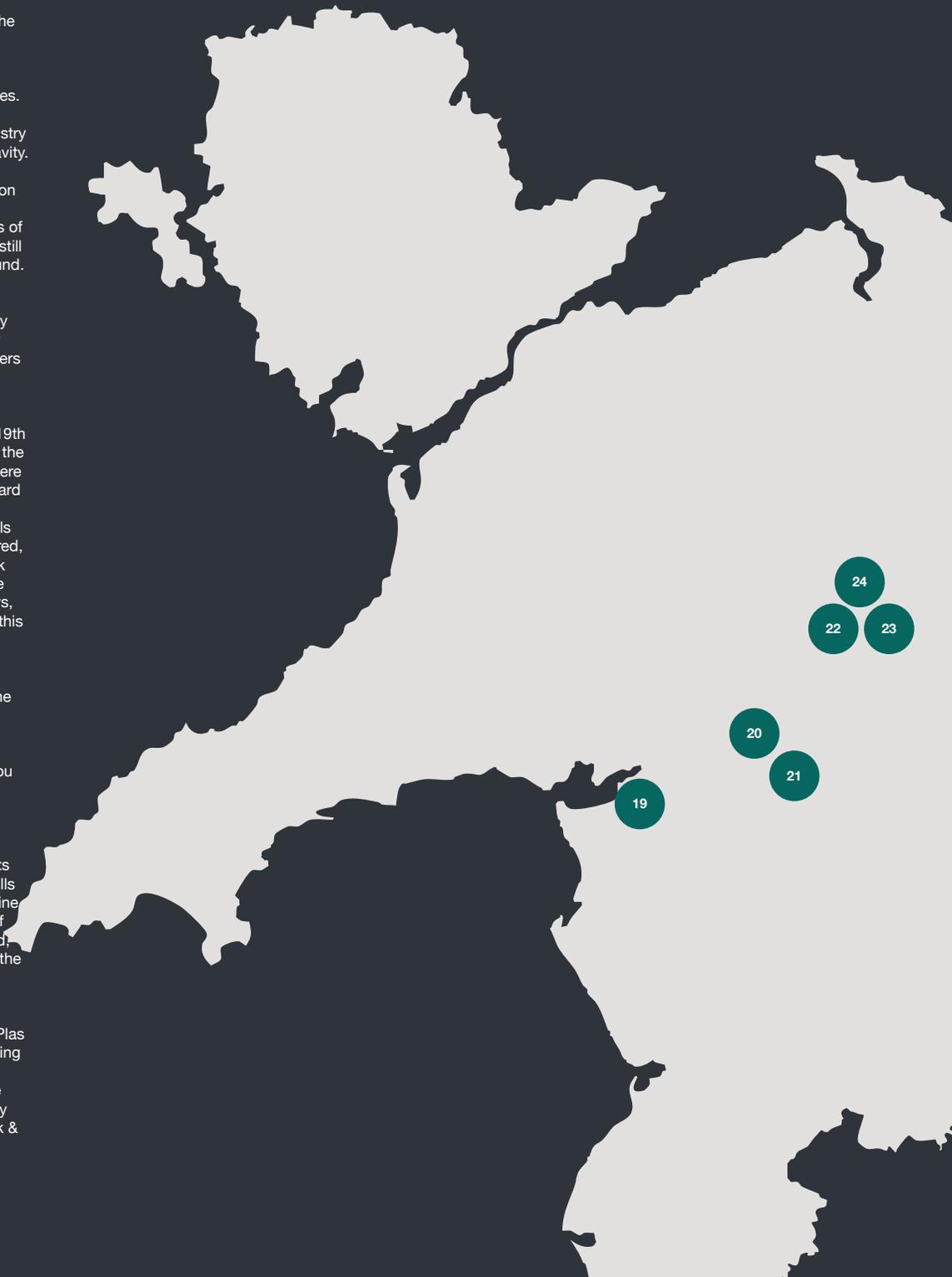
20 Ffestiniog Railway Originally built to serve the slate industry of Blaenau Ffestiniog, this line used to be operated by gravity. Wagons laden with slate rumbled down the hillside, kept under control by intrepid brakes men who leapt from wagon to wagon tightening or loosening the brakes while their colleague on the front wagon blew his horn to warn others of its passage. Blaenau Ffestiniog, at the head of the valley, still bears the scars of its industrial past with slate tips all around.

21 The Oakeley Arms Hotel stands calm, proud and magnificent, but dig a little deeper and you will find a noisy industrial and destructive history, one that was defined by Wales' grey gold – the valuable Welsh Slate. The Hotel offers traditional Welsh cuisine made with local and seasonal produce where possible.

22 Deep Mine Tour Llechwedd - Take a step back into the 19th century as you're submerged 500ft into the rich history of the Deep Mine Tour, where you'll spend time soaking up all there is to know about Llechwedd's fascinating past. Head aboard the underground train on Europe's steepest cable railway and learn all about this iconic mine's 16 underground levels – including where the famous Llechwedd Cheese is matured, and the 8 underwater levels. You'll learn all about the work undergone by the former quarrymen. See first-hand where the world-class slate was produced by local men and boys, who risked their lives every day to provide the world with this famous slate.

23 Quarry Explorer Tour & Titan 2- What was Europe's first four-person zip line, Titan 2 has evolved in 2021 to become an exhilarating tour and zip experience, containing 1 kilometre of the same four-person parallel zipping action, while adding an in-depth tour of this historic location to delight all ages. Your visit will begin with the tour where you will climb on board one of the iconic former army trucks. Twisting and turning throughout Llechwedd slate quarry, you'll travel up to an impressive height of 1,400 ft on the area's incredible manmade mountains, while taking in the sights of the authentic, industrial landscape. The tour lasts 45 minutes. After exploring the area dotted with quarry mills and cutting sheds, you'll kit up ready for your double zip line descent. Travelling over 1 kilometre with stunning views of the quarry below and Blaenau Ffestiniog with Eryri beyond, you'll speed back down to earth in a seated position – all the better for enjoying those panoramic vistas.

24 Plas Weunydd Hotel Located within the UK's newest UNESCO World Heritage Site and Zip World Llechwedd, Plas Weunydd is a four star boutique accommodation comprising of twenty-four stylish rooms, bar & restaurant. At Plas Weunydd, you'll find a room for all occasions. From single rooms, inter-connected family suites and even dog friendly spaces, the hotel is the perfect place to relax, grab a drink & a bite to eat, and watch the world zip by.



Day Three - Porthmadog - Ffestiniog

Explore the rich history and culture of North Wales through its renowned Welsh Slate Industry. Journey back in time to witness the creation of quarries and vibrant cultural communities, all of which shaped the area's post-industrial landscape. Follow our 3-day itinerary to delve into the depths of history or pick and choose individual days to experience a unique and exciting adventure.

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Overnight stay at Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon

Hotel  ★★★★★

09.00 - 10.00

Visit around the Village of Portmeirion

Quality Assured 

10.00 - 10.15

Transfer to Porthmadog Harbour
(Sat Nav LL49 9LU)

10.15 - 10.45

Visit to the Porthmadog Harbour

10.45 - 11.55

Porthmadog – Blaenau Ffestiniog
aboard Ffestiniog Railway
(Sat Nav LL49 9NF)

12.00 - 13.45

Lunch at The Oakeley Arms Hotel,
Blaenau Ffestiniog

Inn  ★★★★★ (Sat Nav LL41 3YU)

13.45 - 14.00

Transfer to Llechwedd Zip World
(Sat Nav LL32 8LX)

14.00 - 15.30

Deep Mine Tour Llechwedd

Quality Assured 

15.30 - 17.30

Quarry Explorer and Titan 2
(for those not wishing to do the Zip Wire, guests
may remain at base camp and take a browse
through the gift shop and a look around the site.)

Quality Assured 

Overnight

Plas Weunydd Hotel, Blaenau Ffestiniog

Hotel  ★★★★★

Dinner at Hotel

Or alternative accommodation

The Royal Sportsman, Porthmadog

Hotel  ★★★★★ (Sat Nav L49 9HB)



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